

# **DURANGO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH AREA**

## **MOBILIZATION GUIDE**

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## **42 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA.**

### **Miscellaneous information and Definitions:**

- Most agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) terminate after 5 years unless otherwise specified within the document. In most cases, a 1 year extension may be granted.
- The agreement start date is the last dated signature.
- *Agreements:* An Agreement is required if there will be an exchange of funds.
  - Fire protection areas need separate agreements (i.e., IA agreements by State)
  - Dispatch Centers do not need to do Local agreements because they are covered under the Master State agreements. All that is needed are Annual Operating Plans.
- *Memorandums of Understanding (MOU):* An MOU is the same as a verbal agreement (parties agree to agree; an understanding). Funds cannot be exchanged with an MOU (must be an agreement).

This chapter contains a brief description of the Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding within and adjacent to Rocky Mountain Area Boundaries that apply to the Durango Dispatch Center area of influence. Complete copies of all agreements are on file at the Rocky Mountain Area Interagency Coordination Center unless otherwise noted. These agreements affect National, Area and Local mobilization efforts. National Agreements can be found in Chapter 40 of the National Mobilization Guide. DRC agreements and Operating plans have been included within this mobilization Guide, for reference.

*Complete copies of all documents listed in chapter 40 are available through the Durango Interagency Dispatch Center. Please see below for a summary of each.*

- 42.1 Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement, between USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado; USDA, Forest Service, Region 2; USDI, National Park Service, Intermountain Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain and Prairie Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Region, Colorado State Forest Service and Bureau of Reclamation.**  
(expires 2011)

This Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre suppression and suppression activities.

- 42.2 Memorandum of Understanding for the Fire Program Analysis System.**

This MOU sets procedures for interagency partners to work together as a cohesive unit to fulfill common missions.

### **42.3 BORDER AGREEMENTS/MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING**

Currently, the Rocky Mountain Area has border MOU's in place which allow for resource sharing/ordering between local dispatch offices across GACC boundaries. These MOU's cover all the borders of the Durango Dispatch Center Area and those respective dispatch centers in the Southwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. This agreement provides for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between bordering dispatch centers, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre suppression and suppression activities. The direct ordering between adjacent dispatch centers is authorized for the mobilization of all their resources for initial attack and extended. In an effort to streamline the process beginning in 2009, these documents are being replaced by the language that follows:

"Local Centers adjacent to one another may engage in resource ordering across GACC boundaries. The sending GACC must grant approval to the local center before any National type resources are sent across GACC boundaries. Depending on National PL levels and/or NMAC priorities, the NICC may also require approval. Resources sent across GACC boundaries cannot be reassigned without prior approval from sending GACC/local unit."

### **43 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING AND OPERATING PLANS FOR THE DURANGO DISPATCH CENTER AREA.**

Operating plans are documents which supplement agreements with specific, detailed, current information. Normally required on an annual basis.

#### **43.1 2009 Colorado Interagency Dispatch State-wide Operating Plan**

In accordance with the Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement (see 42.1),

This annual operating plan (AOP) sets forth agreed upon services, staffing and funding for the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center (RMACC) by specified agencies and set forth agreed upon State-wide supplemental funding assistance for Colorado Dispatch Centers. This plan is prepared under the authority of the Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement, section 10, Interagency Dispatch Centers.

#### **43.2 2009 Durango Annual Operating Plan for the Durango Interagency Dispatch Center (DRC) and Interagency Helicopter Program.**

In accordance with the Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement The purpose of this AOP is to coordinate wildland fire management activities between agencies within the area of influence of the Durango Interagency Dispatch Center through a single dispatch / coordination center. The AOP provides additional funding for Durango Dispatch Center and the MVP interagency helicopter program.

The MVP helicopter is an interagency funded helicopter that will be utilized as a DRC resource and will not be release out of the DRC area unless agreed upon by local managers.

#### **43.4 2009 Southwest Colorado Annual Fire Operating Plan**

In accordance with the Colorado Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement (see 42.1), the counties within Southwest Colorado have created an annual operating plan. These counties include: Montezuma, Archuleta, San Juan, Dolores and La Plata. The following is a summary of those Operating Plans information of particular importance. County specific exhibits relative to Contacts (ch 50), Personnel (ch 60), and Equipment (ch 70) are located within the applicable chapters of this mob guide. The SWCO counties AOP can be obtained from DRC or Colorado State Forest Service – Durango District Office.

## 2009 Southwest Colorado Annual Fire Operating Plan Summary

	<b>LAPLATA</b>	<b>ARCHULETA</b>	<b>MONTEZUMA</b>	<b>DOLORES</b>	<b>SAN JUAN</b>
<b>Sheriff &amp; Authority to Order</b>	Duke Schirard <b>Butch Knowlton</b> Doug Hanna Robin Harrington	Pete Gonzalez John Weiss Drew Petersen Casey Bristow Mike Legoski Sean Curtis Larry Behrens Ron Thompson	Gerald Wallace David Hart Don Eberle George Deavers Jeff Yoder Don Setser Tony Aspromonte John Trocheck	Jerry Martin Tim Rowell Doug Stowe Dwayne Garcher Ernie Williams Julie Kibel	Sue Kurtz Bryan Wagner Gilbert Archuleta Ernie Kuhlman
<b>Fire Contacts</b>	Central Dispatch	Pagosa Dispatch	Cortez Dispatch	Dolores Dispatch	San Juan Dispatch
<b>Phone #</b>	<b>970-385-2900</b> Butch 382-6274 Cell 749-8122 970-385-2908	<b>970-264-2131</b>  970-264-4700	<b>970-565-8454</b> Cell 759-9383  970-565-3991	<b>970-677-2257</b>  970-677-2880	<b>970-387-5531</b>  970-387-0251
<b>Fax#</b>					
<b>Mutual Aid Period</b>	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours	4 hours
<b>Mutual Aid Zone</b>	1 mile	1 mile	1 mile	1 mile	1 mile
<b>Minimum</b>	4 engines	2 engines	2 engines	1 engines	N/A
<b>County</b>	4 tenders	1 tenders	1 tenders	1 tenders	
<b>Commitment For EFF Incident</b>	1 dozer w/ DZOP & Lowboy	1 dozer w/ DZOP & Lowboy	1 dozer w/ DZOP & Lowboy	1 dozer w/ DZOP & Lowboy	

**\*Red Flags** will be sent to the Fire Contacts listed (Dispatch) for further distribution to their units..

**IC's are approved to order resources direct from DRC, the appropriate "Authority to order" must be notified immediately by DRC or the county dispatch.**

**COS - Durango Office NOTIFICATION (970-247-5250):** The COS duty officer will be notified of any fire that is on or threatening state or private lands which is expected to exceed the control capabilities of the county.